



August 5, 2016

Howdy, Fairgoers!

The 2016 Elko County Fair is coming up quickly, and online registration is now open! This means that you can enter your Home Arts exhibits ONLINE and save yourself a lot of time on check-in day. AND – those of you who enter other parts of the Fair, like the stockhorse competitions, will be able to enter those classes as well! We don't have 4-H integrated yet, unfortunately... we'll be working on that for next year's Fair.

New this year, exhibitors with entries in Photography, Flowers, and Plant Products will be asked to enter their exhibits in appropriate subclasses, as well as in classes. When you enter online, there will be a "subclass" space where you will be able to

type in the appropriate subclass from the Premium List. Please do be sure to use the subclasses as they are identified in the Premium List, in order for your exhibit to be judged correctly. There is unfortunately no way to create a pulldown menu for subclass, so you'll have to type it in. To get a copy of the Premium List, either go online at www.elkocountyfair.com, click on the How To Enter link, and scroll down to the Home Arts area, OR you can stop by the Elko County Fair office and pick up a hard copy. If you'd like, you can call the Fair office at 738-3616 and we can drop one in the mail for you.

A few more things to know:

1. If you're one of those folks who comes in with dozens and dozens of entries (you know who you are and we love you for it!) – **please enter online and make an entry for EVERY SINGLE THING YOU MAY POSSIBLY ENTER**, even if it's a big maybe that you'll enter an exhibit in that class and subclass. If there's even a whisker of a chance that you'll enter something in that class/subclass, make an entry for it. We will then print an exhibit tag for everything you enter, and you can attach tags to the items you actually bring in and trash the rest. There is absolutely zero penalty or downside for creating an exhibit online and then not bringing that thing in for whatever reason... it won't show up on the judging sheets unless you actually bring that exhibit to the Fair. Doing it that way means that we'll be able to pre-print all of your tags and you won't be having to sit with a volunteer for an hour when you check in.

PLEASE NOTE – if you add "one more thing" when you register in person, the software won't let us just print out one hang tag. We have to print ALL of them. So be thorough, please! We, and the people behind you in line, thank you. ;)

2. **You're more than welcome to pick up your exhibit tags Wednesday night and bring your exhibits in on Thursday.** You'll already have your tags so you won't have to wait in line again... you can just drop your exhibits off in the appropriate departments. Those of you

entering flowers, plant products and baked goods should consider taking advantage of this option.

3. **It is NOT REQUIRED that you enter online!** If you don't have access to a computer, or are not particularly computer-savvy, not to worry! Your fellow exhibitors who DO enter online will make the same-day registration lines much shorter, and we should be able to get you in-and-out quickly.
4. **Online registration will CLOSE at midnight, Wednesday, August 31st.** That means you will not be able to enter online Thursday – you will have to enter in person. We have to do this in order to facilitate those folks who can't for some reason enter online. We're sorry for the inconvenience, and will do our best to have your walk-up registration go smoothly.
5. **Premium payouts will begin as soon as we possibly can,** so that you can have money in your pocket as you wander around the Fair. If we have those tabulations completed Friday, we'll have a cash box set up in the Home Arts building on Friday. We will certainly have the tabulations completed at some point Saturday. Check back in at the Home Arts building so see if we're making payouts yet. We love to get money into our exhibitors' hands!

Here is the Home Arts schedule for the 2016 Elko County Fair:

WEDNESDAY, August 31	5:00 PM	Exhibit checkin, Home Arts building
	11:59PM	Online registration closes
THURSDAY, Sept. 1,	8:00 AM	Exhibit checkin continues, Home Arts building
	6:00 pm - ?	Exhibit building closes judging begins
FRIDAY, Sept. 2,	8:00 AM	Exhibit judging continues, Home Arts building
	1:00 PM	Home Arts building open to the public
SATURDAY, Sept. 3	9AM – 6PM	Home Arts Building open to the public Premium payouts begin during the day
	9AM – 6PM	Home Arts Building open, premium payouts continue
SUNDAY, Sept. 4	9AM – 6PM	Home Arts Building open, premium payouts continue
	3:00 PM	Exhibitors may pick up their exhibits
	6:00 PM	Premium payouts conclude, building closes
MONDAY, Sept. 5		

Thanks, everybody, and we'll see you at the Fair!

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